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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FONMIN MEDEIROS FERREIRA;
AZORES

FOR AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST

1. DURING BRIEF BILATERAL THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED OUR
DESIRE TO CONCLUDE RENEWAL OF THE AZORES AGREEMENT QUICKLY.
SENATOR RIBICOFF AND REPRESENTATIVE STEIGER WERE PRESENT
AT THE BILATERAL, AND THE SECRETARY ASKED THEM IF THEY
HAD ANYTHING TO ADD. SENATOR RIBICOFF TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY
TO EMPHASIZE TO MEDEIROS FERREIRA THAT THE U.S. HAS STOOD
BY PORTUGAL AS A LOYAL ALLY AND HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE
ON THAT BASIS. IT BEHOOVES PORTUGAL TO GIVE RECIPROCAL
SUPPORT TO THE ALLIANCE ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST
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BY MOVING PROMPTLY TO RENEW THE AZORES AGREEMENT. THE
CONGRESS EXPECTS THIS KIND OF RECIPROCITY.

2. MEDEIROS FERREIRA WAS CLEARLY IMPRESSED AND PROMISED
THAT RENEWAL SHOULD BE IN HAND BY THE TIME THE UNGA
STARTS.

3. THE BILATERAL ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON PORTUGAL'S
ECONOMIC PROGRAM AND THE SUCCESSFUL JUNE 22 EFFORT TO
ASSURE NECESSARY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE. VANCE

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